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of the lobbyists' meal still hanging on you and cleaving to you, and you're criticizing the quality of the food that you got through gluttoning down. If you're going to be a beggar and feed at the trough of the lobbyists, don't run back in here criticizing about how terrible the food was, you're (smacks lips) trying to get what you got stuck between your teeth, you're trying to chew what little...what little bit of the food you have left in your mouth, and condemning it. I say, "Captain Lunch-hunter," how did you like that food? He said, I couldn't stand it, "urp". Okay, he didn't. (Laugh) No, he...that "Captain Lunch-hunter," I don't think he criticized the food, but some of them did, and they were very serious. Don't be outraged when they give you bad food. Beggars can't be choosers. They ought to give you bad food. You're sponging, you're mooching. You have no pride, no self-respect, so they treat you like that. They ought to do just like with the pigeons, get some popcorn and throw it on the floor and say, go get it. Cut up some of Senator Janssen's sausages...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and throw them out there and let you eat it off the floor. You all don't like this? Then stop putting yourself in that position. Show some pride. Buy your own food. We get a per diem as it's called. It's not that, strictly speaking. Your expenses are paid. They give you enough. And if you all eat up all that you get the money to provide yourself in a day, I will provide some food down in my office and let you eat with some respect and dignity, and I won't even tell you that you came down there. But I'm embarrassed by my colleagues, sponging and mooching off the lobbyists. If the lobbyists had any pride, they would choose better company. But I'll tell you why they do it. You got something they want. They want your vote, and they can buy it cheap: meat loaf sandwich and a chicken dinner. That's why everybody in this Legislature is honest. You don't have to give a bribe. You don't have to give a bribe. But if you stopped letting them feed you over there, you'd get some other offers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.